

Lectionary Year B

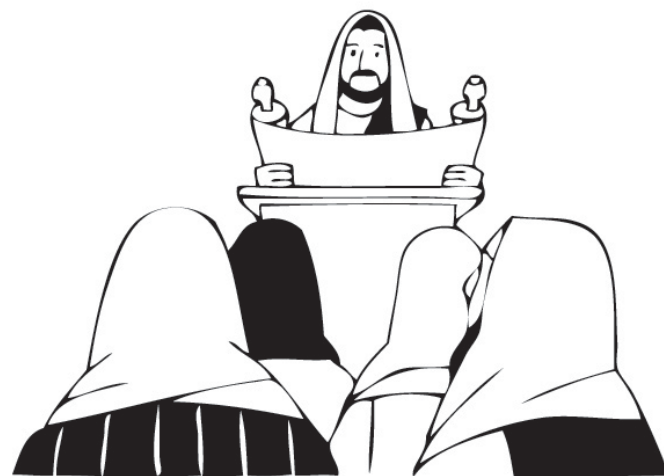
Since ancient times, scripture readings were appointed for religious gatherings, festivals, and study. Even Jesus, when announcing his ministry in the temple, read a scripture from Isaiah which was the appointed lectionary reading for the day.

A lectionary is an organized system of scripture readings designed to give a complete reading of Bible teachings. It follows the Christian year from Advent to Advent of the following year. The lectionary uses a three-year cycle with four readings for each Sunday: each Sunday has a reading from the Old Testament, Psalms, the Gospels, and the New Testament letters.

In 1995, the church began following the Revised Common Lectionary to encourage scriptural literacy, empower better preaching and worship planning, and provide a connection to the global ecumenical community.

Using the lectionary as a basic for Christian education allows a connection between learning and worship. This connects children more to worship and more to learners of all ages in their congregations. Using the lectionary also gives children “common ground” with beliefs of neighbors and friends. Because so many Christian denominations use lectionary-based education, there are many resources available.

Ordinary Time is a time of living faithfully as a Christian following Jesus’ teachings and major scriptural themes.



Advent begins the lectionary year, four Sundays before Christmas. It is the season of preparation for Jesus.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, God’s gift to the world. The Christmas season lasts until Epiphany.

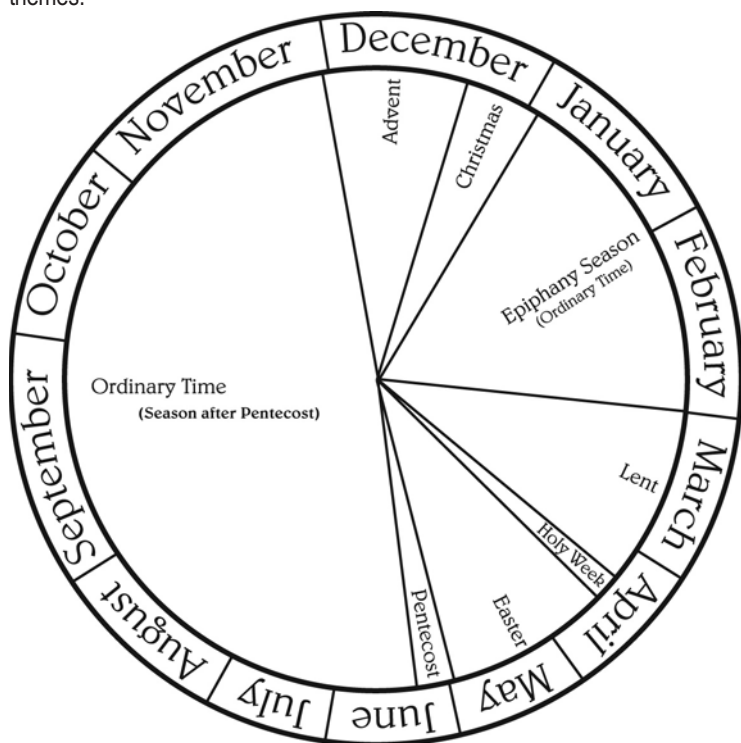
Epiphany is the time when Jesus was revealed to the Magi as God’s power and light.

Epiphany Season focuses on God’s light spreading through the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus.

Lent is forty days, not including Sundays, before Easter, a time of preparation and fasting as a reminder that Jesus gave his life for all creation.

Holy Week and Easter is the time to remember Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Pentecost was the experience of the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. The season of Pentecost lasts fifty days, including Sundays after Easter, and reminds people that God brings new life.



Year A	Year B	Year C
Matthew	Mark	Luke
2007–2008	2008–2009	2009–2010
2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013
2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016

Lectionary Scriptures Year B

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; I Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13; II Peter 3:8–15a; Mark 1:1–6 IV/1:1–8

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11; Psalm 126; I Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 20–28 IV/1:6–8, 19–28

Fourth Sunday of Advent

II Samuel 7:1–11, 16; Luke 1:46–54 IV/1:47–55; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:22–40

Second Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7–14; Psalm 147:12–20; Ephesians 1:3–14; John 1:1–19 IV/1:1–18

First Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1–7; Mark 1:3–9 IV/1:4–11

Second Sunday after Epiphany

I Samuel 3:1–20; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; I Corinthians 6:12–20; John 1:43–51

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1–5, 10; Psalm 62:5–12; I Corinthians 7:29–31; Mark 1:12–18 IV/1:14–20

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:19–25 IV/1:21–28

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20c; I Corinthians 9:16–23; Mark 1:26–35 IV/1:29–39

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

II Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 30; I Corinthians 9:24–27; Mark 1:36–40 IV/1:40–45

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 43:18–25; Psalm 41; II Corinthians 1:18–25; Mark 2:1–9 IV/2:1–12

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:15–25 IV/9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; I Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:7–13 IV/1:9–15

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1–12, 21–22 IV/17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31; Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:33–41 IV/8:31–38

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–20; John 3:14–22 IV/3:14–21

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:1–12; Hebrews 5:5–10; John 12:20–33

Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4–6 IV/50:4–9a; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 1:1–13 IV/1:1–11

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; I Corinthians 15:1–11; John 20:1–18

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4; John 3:1–7; Luke 24:35–47 IV/24:36b–48

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 22:25–31; I John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; I John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Psalm 1; I John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19

Pentecost/Endowment Day

Ezekiel 37:1–14; Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Romans 8:22–27; John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15

First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17

Ordinary Time (Proper 6) (Sunday between June 12–18)

I Samuel 15:34–16:13; Psalm 20; II Corinthians 5:6–17; Mark 4:21–27 IV/4:26–34

Ordinary Time (Proper 7) (Sunday between June 19–25)

I Samuel 17:32–49; Psalm 9:9–20; II Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:28–33 IV/4:35–41

Ordinary Time (Proper 8) (Sunday between June 26–July 2)

II Samuel 1:1, 17–27; Psalm 130; II Corinthians 8:7–15; Mark 5:18–35 IV/5:21–43

Ordinary Time (Proper 9) (Sunday between July 3–9)

II Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10; Psalm 48; II Corinthians 12:2–10; Mark 6:1–14 IV/6:1–13

Ordinary Time (Proper 10) (Sunday between July 10–16)

II Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:15–30 IV/6:14–29

Ordinary Time (Proper 11) (Sunday between July 17–23)

II Samuel 7:1–14a; Psalm 89:20–37; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:31–35, 56–58 IV/6:30–34, 53–56

Ordinary Time (Proper 12) (Sunday between July 24–30)

II Samuel 11:1–15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21

Ordinary Time (Proper 13) (Sunday between July 31–August 6)

II Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Psalm 51:1–12; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35

Ordinary Time (Proper 14) (Sunday between August 7–13)

II Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25–5:2; John 6:35, 41–51

Ordinary Time (Proper 15) (Sunday between August 14–20)

I Kings 2:10–12, 3:3–14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15–20; John 6:51–58

Ordinary Time (Proper 16) (Sunday between August 21–27)

I Kings 8:1, 6, 10–11, 22–30, 41–43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10–20; John 6:56–59

Ordinary Time (Proper 17) (Sunday between August 28–September 3)

Song of Solomon 2:8–13 (not found in the IV); Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9; James 1:17–27; Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 20–21 IV/7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Ordinary Time (Proper 18) Sunday between September 4–10 Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23; Psalm 125; James 2:1–10, 14–17; Mark 7:22–36 IV/7:24–37

Ordinary Time (Proper 19) (Sunday between September 11–17) Proverbs 1:20–33; Psalm 19; James 3:1–12; Mark 8:28–43 IV/8:27–38

Ordinary Time (Proper 20) (Sunday between September 18–24) Proverbs 31:10–31; Psalm 1; James 3:13—4:3, 7–8a; Mark 9:27–35 IV/9:30–37

Ordinary Time (Proper 21) (Sunday between September 25–October 1) Esther 7:1–6, 9–10, 9:20–22; Psalm 124; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:36–50 IV/9:38–50

Ordinary Time (Proper 22) (Sunday between October 2–8) Job 1:1, 2:1–10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–14 IV/10:2–16

Ordinary Time (Proper 23) (Sunday between October 9–15) Job 23:1–9, 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15 Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:15–30 IV/10:17–31

Ordinary Time (Proper 24) (Sunday between October 16–22) Job 38:1–7, 34–41; Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

Ordinary Time (Proper 25) (Sunday between October 23–29) Job 42:1–6; 10–17; Psalm 34:1–8, 19–22; Hebrews 7:22–27 IV/7:23–28; Mark 10:46–54 IV/10:46–52

Ordinary Time (Proper 26) (Sunday between October 30–November 5) Ruth 1:1–18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:33–39 IV/12:28–34

Ordinary Time (Proper 27) (Sunday between November 6–12) Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17, Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:45–50 IV/12:38–44

Ordinary Time (Proper 28) (Sunday between November 13–19) I Samuel 1:4–20, 2:1–10; Hebrews 10:11–25; Mark 13:1–10 IV/13:1–8

Ordinary Time (Proper 29) (Sunday between November 20–26) II Samuel 23:1–7; Psalm 132:1–18; Revelation 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37

Resources

A Life Like Mine; (New York: DK Publishing Inc. 2006). ISBN 9780756618032.

The Children's Illustrated Bible retold by Selina Hastings, illustrated by Eric Thomas (New York: DK Publishing, Inc. 2004). ISBN 0756602610.

Children's New Revised Standard Version Bible (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2006). ISBN 0687494168.

Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives, Research, and Applications, edited by Donald Ratcliff (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2004). ISBN 1592447112.

The Humongous Book of Games for Children's Ministry edited by Cindy S. Hansen, illustrated by Shelley Dieterichs (Loveland, CO: Group Publishing, 2001). ISBN: 076442355X

Sign and Say Bible Verses for Children by Daphna Flegal (Abingdon Press, 1999). ISBN: 0687074428